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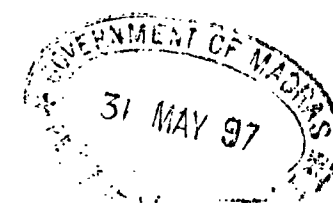
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From

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ABKARI AND SEPARATE REVENUE,

Madras,

To

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF STATISTICS,

Calcutta.

SIR, With reference to your letter, No. 25-S.—F.C., dated 3rd September 1896, I am directed to explain as follows the differences between the average number of persons employed daily as shown in the return of large industries for 1895, and that shown in the report on the working of the Factories Act in the Madras Presidency during 1895, the particulars having been obtained from the Collectors concerned:—

Anantapur.—It is reported that the correct number of operatives employed by the three factories during 1895 was as given below:—

	Throughout the year.	During working season.	Total.
Volkart's United Press Company	25	114	139
Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s Press	21	91	112
Binny & Co.'s Press	18	53	71

The mistake was due to the returns furnished by the agents of these factories to the Tahsildars for the statement of industries and to the Divisional officers for the factory report being mutually inconsistent.

South Arcot.—The figure 679 entered in the return of large industries represents the average number of operatives employed daily in the Sugar factory alone while the figure 695 shown in the factory report represents the operatives employed both in the Sugar factory and the distillery attached to it. The average daily number of operatives employed in the special season was 901 which includes the 679 operatives employed during the ordinary season.

Bellary.—The average daily number of operatives employed in the factories as shown in the report on the working of factories for 1895 was that furnished by the Sub-divisional Magistrates while that reported in the return of large industries was obtained from the Tahsildars. It is reported that the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Adóni, omitted the two factories (Rambilla Sowcar's Press and Sabapathi Mudaliar's Press) from his list as they did not work for four months in the year, but the figures relating to the number of workmen employed in those factories during the working period were obtained from the local agents of the companies concerned at Bellary and embodied in the report on the working of the factories. On enquiry these figures turned out to be incorrect. Those obtained from Tahsildars and shown in the return of large industries are reported to be correct and may therefore stand. The City People's Press, Adóni, took fire a few days after the commencement of the cotton season and was under reconstruction during the rest of the year. It worked only for about twenty days and the number of workmen employed as given in the return of large industries appertains to that period. It was omitted from the report on factories as it did not work during the greater portion of the year. The Bellary Arsenal was

omitted from the return of industries for 1895 and the previous years by oversight. The Head-quarters Deputy Collector, Bellary, states that figures for Dymes & Co.'s Press, Bellary, were not given in his report on factories as the press was not inspected by him in that year.

South Canara.—The difference is due to the manager of the factory having furnished different figures to the Divisional officer and the Tahsildar. The figure 160 shown in the statement of industries is reported to be correct, while the number 212 shown in the same return is a mistake for 192, the mistake being due to the manager of the Tile Works who furnished incorrect figures.

Coimbatore.—As regards the Coimbatore Spinning and Weaving Company, it is reported that the figure 795 entered in the return of cotton mills for 1895-96 relates to the official year while the figure 788 entered in the factory report relates to the calendar year. As the Sugar Manufacturing Company commenced work only about the middle of 1895 and was worked intermittently for want of water and capital, it was not included in the return of industries for 1895. The Cotton Cleaning Company was omitted from the factory report as it did not come under the purview of the Act. The figure 48 entered against the Pressing Company in the return of large industries is reported to be a clerical error for 57.

Ganjām.—The difference is due to the fact that the Deputy Collector failed to include in his report the number of persons employed by the contractor. If this figure (87) were added to the figure (468) given in the factory report, the total would be 555, which is that given in the return of large industries. The omission to include the 1,832 persons who worked during the working season in the report on the working of the Factories Act is due to an oversight.

Górávari.—The Collector reports that the Government workshop at Dowlaish-weram was excluded from the statement of industries as it was the property of Government. The average number of persons employed daily at the Rice factory, Georgepetta, during 1895 was 100 as per statement of industries—vide item 2 against Górávari under rice mills in page 11 of Board's Proceedings, No. 260, dated 7th July 1896, where it is entered as "the Coringa Rice Mill Company." The Secretary of the Company states that this figure is wrong and that the figure 164 shown in the factory report is correct.

Kistna.—The omission to include the Public Works Workshop, Bezwada, from the return of industries was due to an oversight, but it is reported that the number (184) of persons entered in the supplemental return now submitted relates to the official year 1895-96 while the number (194) shown in the report on factories relates to the calendar year 1895.

Madras.—The Collector states that the report on the working of the Factories Act shows only the actual number of people present on the day the Inspector visited the mills. The several mill owners assert that the numbers given already by them and shown in the statement of industries are correct. As regards the omission of certain industries from the statement it is reported that some of them being Government institutions and some being Railway ones, they were omitted from the list as it was supposed that private undertakings alone were required to be shown. The Lawrence Asylum Press was not shown as it would appear in the annual Press return. Messrs. P. Orr & Sons declined to furnish the information required. The other industries were not considered large enough to be included in the return.

Madura.—The average number of operatives shown in the report on the working of the Factories Act was the average number employed during the calendar year while the figure (1,244) shown in the return of cotton and jute mills was the number employed during the official year 1895-96. The difference was due to the fact that the number of persons employed in each month varied according to the state of the labour market.

Malabar.—Of the factories quoted in the list, the Pallicoon Coffee-curing Works is identical with the Coffee-cleaning factory of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.; Tellicherry, shown in the return of industries. The figure 191 shown therein is however said to be incorrect, the correct number of persons being 204 as shown in the report on the working of the Factories Act. The managers of all the remaining factories except the Calicut Tile Works also state that the figures furnished for the purpose of the statistical return of industries were wrong, the correct figures being those appearing in

the report on the Factories Act. As regards the Calicut Tile Works it is reported that the correct number of workmen employed throughout the year is 25 and not 95 as shown in the return of large industries, the total being thus 65 and the figure 78 furnished for the purposes of the factory report being incorrect.

Nilgiris.—The Collector states that it has not been usual to include the breweries in the district in the statement of industries and that the form used for the statement on the working of breweries submitted every year does not call for any information about the number of persons employed therein.

Tinnevely.—The agent of Volkart's United Press, Tuticorin, states that in the return of large industries the number of operatives shown as temporarily employed represents the largest number employed during the special working season instead of the average number. The managers of Milligan & Co., the New Berar Company, and Ralli Brothers & Co., Tuticorin, report that the average number of operatives shown in the return of industries was arrived at by dividing the total number of operatives employed during the working season by the total number of days in the season while the figure shown in the factory return was arrived at by taking the total number employed and dividing it by the number of days in the year. In order that the two sets of figures may agree, the average number of operatives to be given in the return for large industries should be arrived at as in the return on the working of factories. The agent of Dymes & Co., states that the number of hands employed in ginning was 45, which was not entered by the firm in the return of large industries through a clerical error. The figures furnished for the factory report appear therefore to be incorrectly distributed though the total is correct. The ginning factory at Ettiyapuram was not shown in the returns as it did not work during 1895. As regards the Koilpatti Spinning Company and the Tinnevely Mills, Papanasam, the figures furnished in the statement of cotton and jute mills were 727 and 505, respectively, while in the factory return the figures given for the two firms were 733 and 504. The difference was due to the fact that the return of cotton and jute mills was compiled for the official year while the return for factories was compiled for the calendar year.

Vizagapatam.—The number 801 shown in the cotton and jute mills statement against the Chittivalsa Ginning Factory represents the average number of persons employed during the official year 1895-96, whereas the figure 794 shown in the report on factories was the number employed during the calendar year.

2. With regard to the omission of railway factories in the Madras Presidency from the return of industries, some Collectors explain that it has not been usual to include them in the return while a few others report that they were excluded owing to a mistake or misapprehension on the part of the officers concerned. The Pódanár workshop was not included as it was abolished some years ago.

3. Collectors will be requested to issue instructions to their Sub-divisional officers and Tahsildars to see that in future the number of operatives employed in the factories as shown in the return of large industries and statement of cotton and jute mills agrees with that shown in the report on the working of the Factories Act and to explain the differences, if any.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

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